

Perspectives on Self-Employment in Music Therapy

MICHIGAN MUSIC THERAPISTS SPRING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 17, 2010 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Calhoun County Medical Care Facility - Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Members and Friends of Michigan Music Therapists,

Spring has sprung, and it's time to think about our spring MMT workshop! Three private practice music therapists will be presenting on their **Perspectives on Self-Employment in Music Therapy**. The workshop will be held at the **Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in Battle Creek, Michigan** on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** from **8:30 am - 4:00 pm**. The three presenters include Kellee Coviak, MT-BC (CODA Music Therapy Services, LLC), Jaime Merritt, MT-BC (Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services), and Jody Conradi Stark, M.A., MT-BC (Creative Arts Therapies, Inc.).

Enclosed you will find registration and membership forms, directions to the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility, and a tentative workshop schedule. Lunch and refreshments will be provided as part of your registration fee. Please check the MMT website frequently over the next several weeks for important workshop and registration updates.

<http://www.mtonline.org>

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will understand the different business formats and the benefits /limitations in relation to music therapy private practice.
- Participants will be able to describe the difference between an employee and a contractor.
- Participants will understand ways to utilize the internet to market and promote a private practice.
- Participants will understand different roles that a music therapy business owner must accept.
- Participants will be able to describe the important steps to finding a space suitable for a music therapy clinic.
- Participants will learn on how to collaborate with other therapists in order to open more avenues for referrals, groups, experience, and exposure in the community.
- Participants will learn what corporate and non-profit organizations are, including differences and similarities.

Presenter Biographies:

Kellee Coviak, MT-BC graduated from Michigan State University in Music Therapy and Music Education with a Psychology minor. After student teaching in Kentwood Public Schools (Kentwood, MI) in the fall of 2005, Kellee completed her music therapy internship at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Medical Center. She worked inpatient/outpatient psychiatric areas, as well as the general hospital, including pediatrics/PICU, NICU, and oncology. Following her internship, Kellee returned to Michigan and established CODA Music Therapy Services, LLC in the spring of 2007, which is currently based in Lansing, MI. Her practice specialties include music therapy and adapted music education within the special education settings and the hospital population especially NICU, pediatrics, and psychiatric. Kellee is currently in the final phase of completing her NICU Music Therapy credential and has begun some part-time graduate coursework.

Jaime Merritt, MT-BC received her board certification in 2006 after completing her Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy at Michigan State University. She did her internship at the Center for Discovery in Harris, NY where the focus of her training was on piano improvisation within the therapy setting. Jaime is the owner and primary music therapist for Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services (HGMTS) in Jackson, MI which opened in June 2006. HGMTS contracts with agencies in Jackson as well as privately providing music therapy services within the community offered at the clinic location. Jaime works with adults dealing with mental illness and/or substance abuse, adults with Alzheimer's, and children, adolescents, and adults with special needs (including Autism, Aspergers, Cognitive Impairment and Down Syndrome). In addition, Jaime provides music therapy consultation to parents, teachers, and staff within a school setting. Jaime is employed at MSU's Community Music School working part time with school age children individually for music therapy. Jaime has worked with the MSU Community Music School's Eric RicStar Winter Music Therapy Camp since its first year in 2003. Eric was Jaime's first music therapy client as a student at MSU, touching her life greatly! Jaime has been a member of the American Music Therapy Association, Great Lakes Region, and Michigan Music Therapists since she was a student. She currently holds a position on the executive board for MMT as treasurer.

Jody Conradi Stark, M.A., MT-BC is the Site Director of Music Therapy Clinical Services, MSU Community Music School- Detroit, and President of Creative Arts Therapies, Inc., a company she started in 1991 which provides contractual music, dance-movement, and art therapy services to agencies throughout Southeastern Michigan. She has over 25 years experience with various populations, including psychiatric, cognitively impaired, autism spectrum disorder, pre-primary impaired, and at-risk children and youth. Jody received her B.A. in Music Therapy from Colorado State University and an M.A. in Arts Administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Music Education/Music Therapy at Michigan State University. Jody has presented at the local, state, national, and international levels, including the 11th World Congress of Music Therapy in Brisbane, Australia.

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Preliminary Schedule of Events

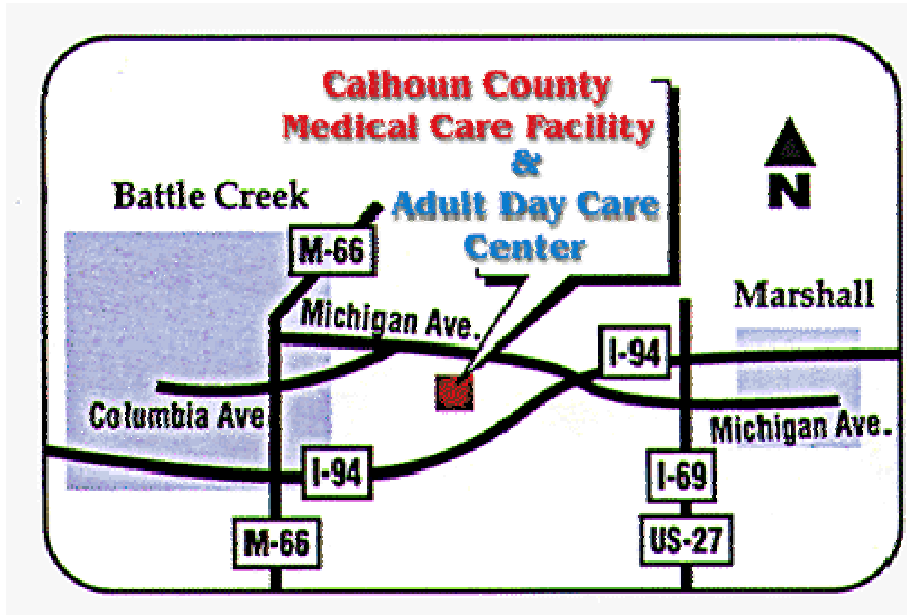
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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:15 | Facility and presenter introductions |
| 9:15-10:45 | Kellee Coviak, MT-BC <i>CODA Music Therapy Services, LLC</i> |
| 11:00-11:30 | MMT business meeting |
| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch/Tour of CCMCF |
| 12:30-2:00 | Jaime Merritt, MT-BC <i>Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services (HGMTS)</i> |
| 2:00-3:00 | Jody Conradi Stark, M.A., MT-BC <i>Creative Arts Therapies, Inc. and MSU Community Music School</i> |
| 3:00-3:30 | Q&A with presenters |
| 3:30-4:00 | Wrap-up, evaluations, CBMT tests |

Calhoun County Medical Care Facility

Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care & Rehabilitation Center
1150 East Michigan Ave.,
Battle Creek, Michigan

<http://www.ccmcf.com>



From Kalamazoo:

East on I-94 to Exit 100. Turn Left and follow Beadle Lake Road to Columbia. Turn right and follow Columbia (E.Michigan) to facility.

From Detroit:

West on I-94 to Exit 103. Follow Michigan Ave. west to facility.

From M-66:

Take Exit 2 (Columbia Ave). Turn right (East). Follow Columbia Ave (E. Michigan) to facility.

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CODA Music Therapy Services, LLC - Lansing, MI

Jaime Merritt, MT-BC

Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services - Jackson, MI

Jody Conradi Stark, M.A., MT-BC

Creative Arts Therapies, Inc. - Detroit, MI

Perspectives on Self-Employment in Music Therapy workshop is approved by the Certification Board for Music Therapists for 5 Continuing Music Therapy Education credits. Credits awarded by CBMT are accepted by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC). Michigan Music Therapists (#P-014) maintains responsibility for program quality and adherence to CBMT policies and criteria. 5 CMTEs are available through MMT's CBMT pre-approved provider status.

NAME (as preferred on nametag) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

REGISTRATION

Includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, and workshop handouts.

_____ \$25.00 MMT Professional Member

_____ \$35.00 Non-MMT Professional

_____ \$10.00 Music Therapy Student

_____ \$ 5.00 CMTE Credits

_____ **TOTAL** Amount Enclosed

Please make your check payable to **MICHIGAN MUSIC THERAPISTS** and mail form/check to:

Michigan Music Therapists
c/o Julie A. Palmieri, MM, MT-BC
1710 Walker Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

If you send your registration late or you plan to register on-site, please inform Julie Palmieri (workshop coordinator) at juliepalmieri@gmail.com later than Saturday, April 12, 2010 so that you can be included in the final count. Thank you – it is much appreciated!

A 50% refund will be granted if cancellation is requested by Tuesday, April 7, 2010, but no refunds will be given after Wednesday, April 8, 2010. In the event that MMT must cancel the meeting a full refund will be given.